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The President's Page

Dear Members of the A. D. A. A.:

I want to thank each and every one of you for placing your confidence in me, by electing me to serve you as your President for this coming year.

The 26th Annual Meeting of the A. D. A. A. is written into the pages of history and we have started the 27th year. Many problems were brought to light and clarified during the annual meeting in Atlantic City.

Ways to increase membership in local societies, with prizes to be awarded for the largest percentage increase, was ably defined by the Membership Committee Chairman.

Education and Certification, which go hand in hand, was discussed, and I feel to the satisfaction of everyone. The Certification Board will make changes in their rules and they will be published in the Journal.

We are now eleven districts instead of ten, giving us another member on the board of trustees. Let me here, thank the Redistricting Committee for the wonderful job they have done, in this ever-growing association.

We will be forever indebted to the New Jersey State Dental Assistants Association for this outstanding meeting.

Dorothy Heatwole, 1835 Eye Street, N. W., Washington, D. C., has accepted the Convention Arrangements Chairmanship for our 27th Annual Meeting to be held next year in Washington, D. C.

Time is an element in our modern mode of living. We can easily manage our affairs, if we only take each day the burden appointed for it. But the load will be too heavy for us if we add to its weight the burden of tomorrow before we are called to bear it.

My earnest desire is that our association will continue to grow, and make this year outstanding in our history.

BE CONCERNED

I'm sure you know we have this group . . . For all of us to run . . . And we must be concerned about . . . The way the job is done . . . We have to realize what a mess . . . We would be in today . . . If every one were unconcerned . . . and inclined to stay that way . . . I'm sure it's clear to all of us . . . That we are needed too . . . Too figure out the future and . . . To see the struggle through . . . That we must work together as . . . an undivided team . . . If we would be successful and . . . Fulfill our every dream.

Wishing you all a joyous Thanksgiving and a Very Merry Christmas.

Sincerely,

Evelyn B. Brett, President

American Dental Assistants Association.



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PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

It is indeed a pleasure to bring greetings and to welcome our members and guests on this occasion of our 26th annual meeting. As we go into the second quarter century as an organization it is interesting to note the progress made, and well for us to remember the untiring and ceaseless efforts of the members of yesterday. It is true that the pioneers of any endeavor meet with opposition and disappointment and ours has been no exception, but they were willing to accept responsibilities and from day to day did the best they could with the opportunities that came their way. They did not enjoy the co-operation of almost 7,000 members and the helpful interest of the members of the Dental Profession that we of today do.

It takes keen minds to formulate workable plans and although our membership fluctuated considerably during the depression years and those of World War II we owe a debt of gratitude to those who remained on their jobs and kept actively interested in our association, always striving to improve our status by furthering our educational facilities within the organization. May I quote Juliette A. Southard in her last address given during the first meeting of the Florida Dental Assistants Association in Florida, on November 12, 1940: "The progress made by any group, no matter what endeavor it follows, is always made through higher education, and that is what we, as members of the American Dental Assistants Association are banded together to achieve—HIGHER EDUCATION." I feel quite sure that she would be pleased today with the achievements made since that time, by the members of our Education Committees and those who worked out our Plan for Certification. Some of you may not know that when the recommendation to adopt an approved plan for certification of qualified dental assistants was first made it was met with criticism from the members of the Dental profession and the idea was received by many of our own members with lukewarm enthusiasm. We should always be grateful to those resolute members who laid the foundation for the plan and through their persevering efforts and willingness to accept responsibility presented it in Boston in 1947, at which time it was adopted by that House of Delegates. Many hours of research and study were given to formulating the plan and after its adoption the workable set-up presented a complex problem which was again worked out for us. Since we've existed as an organization much has been accomplished by our members but the greatest step toward a unified standard education has been made with our Certification Plan. Never before have so many members of the Dental Profession worked in such close contact with our members by instructing our classes, thus giving them the opportunity to realize that we are desirous of improving our status. Those of us who have received our certificates are proud of them. They are proof that we have completed the study course and successfully passed the examination and the knowledge gained should increase our efficiency in performing the duties which are in the bounds of the field of dental assisting.

The splendid interest displayed by our members in the study for Certification is an evidence that they have developed a consciousness of their need for knowledge and have the desire and willingness to put forth an effort to gain this knowledge. This indicates the completion of a step toward our ultimate goal which is the same as it was 26 years ago "To establish formal training for dental assistants in recognized schools." We will continue our efforts towards this goal.

The creation of the Certification Board isn't the only achievement made, of which we can be proud. The establishment of our Central Office and the splendid co-operation between our Executive Secretary and the officers of the state and local societies is another indication of our progress.

In the 22 years that I've enjoyed membership in our fine organization, with seven of those years serving on the Board of Trustees, I didn't fully appreciate the careful thought and good judgment given to setting up the various committees that carry on the business of our organization. Serving as your President has given me the opportunity of closer association with all the Officers, Trustees, and the members of the Standing and Special Committees and the amount of effort expended by these members in carrying out their assigned duties impressed as well as surprised me.

Loyalty was chosen the theme for the year because it suggested the characteristic most desired and needed if we are to continue the progress made by the pioneers. Today, there are forces working in our country to relegate all professions to the level of tradesmen or less, and it is imperative that we remain alert at all times ever loyal to the basic principles on which our A. D. A. A. was founded.

Let us re-dedicate ourselves to a new era of progress so that those dental assistants yet unborn shall enjoy even greater privileges and greater benefits.

Mary Haney, President

American Dental Assistants Association.

News Item

For the fourth consecutive year, the San Francisco Dental Society and the San Francisco Dental Assistants Association are sponsoring a course at Lux College, which welcomes all women presently employed as dental assistants in the San Francisco peninsular area. The purpose of the course is to prepare candidates for the national certification examinations to be held early in 1951. Twenty-five qualified last June, after attending the sessions in the fall and winter.

The class, meeting two evenings each week, is supervised by Bertrand Wolfsohn, D.D.S., Chairman of the Educational Committee of the San Francisco Dental Society. A number of outstanding dentists from the local area will give lectures and demonstrations during the institute. As in the past, the facilities of Lux College, which offers its own tuition-free curricula for Dental Assistants, will be available to the class members. The institute, subsidized by the two organizations, is free. Students attending will pay a small fee for rental and use of equipment.

Topics taken up in preparation for the certification examination include office management, chair assisting, anatomy, pathology, sterilization, bacteriology, anesthesia, roentgenology, hygiene, pedodontia, pharmacology, and laboratory technic.

**REPORT OF THE TWENTY-SIXTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE
AMERICAN DENTAL ASSISTANTS ASSOCIATION,
ATLANTIC CITY, NEW JERSEY**

October 30-November 2, 1950

By Violet L. Crowley

The twenty-sixth annual meeting brought to a close the first year of a new era, in a sense, for the American Dental Assistants Association. Last year in San Francisco we celebrated our Silver Anniversary at which time we rededicated ourselves to the purposes and ideals of our association, and began work toward another era with "Loyalty" chosen as our theme for the year. What progress had been made during the year, and what evidence of loyalty on the part of the members? The answer was clearly revealed in the reports read by the Officers, Board of Trustees and Committee Chairmen. Each report contained a wealth of information, and proof of progress. Again this year, as in previous years, we were amazed at the amount of work done by our Officers, Trustees and Committee members. Again we said a silent thank you to them for their many hours work, and the personal sacrifices made in the interest of the association.

From the first rap of the gavel calling the first session to order at 9:20 Monday morning it was obvious that President Haney and her staff of Officers had left nothing undone in plans for the meeting. The motor was tuned, all parts thoroughly oiled, and smooth running continued throughout the meeting.

Roll call was taken care of through the registration desk under close supervision of the Executive and General Secretary, and proved to be very satisfactory. It was especially helpful in saving time, which is important in as much as there is much to be crowded into the few days we have to dispense with the business at hand, hear the reports of the year's activity in the association, and formulate plans for the year to come.

One hundred twenty-two delegates, thirty-four alternates, sixteen Officers, ninety-two members, eleven non-members, and five Canadian guests, a total of two hundred eighty, registered for the meeting.

The first session of the House of Delegates included in addition to reports and recommendations of Officers and Committee Chairmen, the appointment of Reference Committees. The report of the Board of Trustees contained information of six new state societies organized during the year. They are Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, North Carolina, Pennsylvania and Utah. Total state societies, forty-five plus District of Columbia and Hawaii. Total local societies, two-hundred-twenty. Renewed members 4,415, new members 2,363 as of October first. Total membership as of October twenty-fifth, 6,877, again a sizable increase over last year's figure. The proposed amendments to the A. D. A. A. By-Laws were presented to the delegates at the first session. The action taken on these was as follows:

From the By-Laws Committee:

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE ADAA BY-LAWS

1. ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP: Section 1. Paragraph (a) Amend to read: Following "of Associate Members according to Section 5" ADD, "of

Student Members according to Section 6, of Life Members according to Section 7, and of Honorary Members according to Section 8." Carried.

ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP: Section 1. Paragraph (b) Amend to striking out, "This shall not be retroactive." Carried.

2. ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP: Add new section as SECTION 6, to read: STUDENT MEMBERS: Student Membership shall consist of high school graduates enrolled in dental assistant courses of one or more years in schools or colleges that have been approved by a two-thirds vote of the House of Delegates. Applicants shall have completed the prescribed probationary period or first semester. Student Members shall pay \$2.00 annual dues which shall entitle them to all the privileges of General Membership except that of voting. Student Membership in State Associations or Local Societies shall be according to ARTICLE III, Section 1, Paragraph (c). Membership cards of Student Members shall be so identified.

A motion was made to amend the amendment by adding to "except that of voting" the words "and that of wearing the ADA pin. The amendment as amended carried.

3. ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP: Add new section as SECTION 7, to read: LIFE MEMBERS: Life Membership shall be granted to those members who have maintained active, continuous membership for a period of twenty-five years. No dues shall be levied on Life Members. Application for Life Membership shall be made to the General Secretary and approved by the Board of Trustees. Life Membership accords all privileges of General Membership, except subscription to the Dental Assistant Journal. Membership cards of Life Members shall be so identified. Carried.

4. ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP: Change present Section 6, to Section 8,— present Section 7 to Section 9, — present Section 8 to Section 10, — and present Section 9 to Section 11. Carried.

5. ARTICLE V. OFFICERS AND THEIR ELECTION: Amend by adding as new Section 4: All A. D. A. A. Officers shall be Past Trustees, or have had at least two years experience as Committee Chairmen, or Committee Members of the National Association before nomination or election to National office. Carried.

6. ARTICLE V. OFFICERS AND THEIR ELECTION: Change present Section 5 and amend to read:

A Nominating Committee shall be ELECTED by the Board of Trustees at the Pre-convention meeting. There shall be five members on the Nominating Committee, three from the House of Delegates and two from the Board of Trustees. The Committee shall elect the Chairman. This Nominating Committee shall prepare a slate of candidates of not more than two for each office of President, 1st Vice-President, 2nd Vice-President, 3rd Vice-President, General Secretary, and Treasurer. Upon announcement of the election of the Nominating Committee, and not later than 24 hours prior to the report of the Nominating Committee to the House of Delegates, suggestions for Officers, with their qualifica-

tions in sealed envelopes may be presented to the Nominating Committee by a Local Society, a State Association, or the Board of Trustees. The Nominating Committee shall consider all names submitted before preparing the ticket, provided the consent of the candidate has been received. Nominations from the floor shall also be called for. The consent of the candidate, in writing or telegram if she is not present shall be secured before such nomination is made.

The Nominating Committee shall present the qualifications of the candidates in their report to the House of Delegates. Carried.

7. ARTICLE VI. DUTIES OF OFFICERS: SECTION 2: Amend by adding after "the ranking Vice-President shall officiate in her place," "The special duties of the Vice-Presidents shall be specified by the Board of Trustees." In case of death, resignation . . . etc. Carried.
8. ARTICLE VIII. BOARD OF TRUSTEES: Section 1: Amend by adding: The Business Manager of the Journal shall give to the Board at its Annual Meeting a financial report for the Journal Fund. She shall also give to the Board a suitable Bond, the expense of which shall be borne by the Journal Fund.

A motion was made to amend the amendment to read as follows: The Business Manager of the Journal shall give to the Board at its annual meeting a financial report for the Journal Fund. The Board of Trustees shall select a bonding company to cover the Business Manager, the expense of which shall be borne by the Journal Fund. The amendment as amended carried.

9. ARTICLE VIII. BOARD OF TRUSTEES: Section 2: Amend by adding after first sentence: The Board shall exercise supervision over the General and Journal Funds and shall approve annual budgets for the conduct of both. Carried.
10. ARTICLE VIII. BOARD OF TRUSTEES: Section 14: Amend to read (third sentence): The Advisory Council shall have the privilege of meeting with the Board of Trustees in an advisory capacity, but only the Chairman of the Council shall have a vote on the Board. (Art. VIII, Section 1) Carried.
11. ARTICLE XI. COMMITTEES: Amend Sections 4, 5, 6, 8, and 9, by striking out: "provided that at first election two members shall be elected for one year." Carried.
12. ARTICLE XI. COMMITTEES: SECTION 7, BUDGET COMMITTEE: Amend by changing last sentence to read: "The General Fund budget shall be approved by the Board of Trustees," and adding "The Business Manager of the Journal shall submit to the Budget Committee thirty days in advance of the Annual Meeting a budget for the support of the Journal which shall be presented for approval to the Board of Trustees with that of the General Fund." Carried.
13. ARTICLE XII. CERTIFICATION BOARD: Amend Paragraph (b) to read: In order to comply with the above provision the House of Delegates at each annual meeting of that body shall elect five active mem-

bers of the American Dental Assistants Association to active membership in the American Dental Assistants Certification Board, Inc., and said members shall serve for a term of two years, or until their successors are duly elected. Elections shall be conducted so that one member of the Past Presidents' Council, and one member of the Board of Trustees, and three members at large of the association, shall be represented each year in the active membership of the American Dental Assistants Certification Board, Inc. Carried.

14. ARTICLE XIII. ANNUAL SESSIONS: SECTION 2: Amend to read: Membership badges shall be issued to all members in good standing, presenting their current membership cards to the Registration Committee. Carried.
15. ARTICLE XIII. ANNUAL SESSIONS: Section 4: Amend to read: There shall be a registration fee of \$3.00 for members and \$4.00 for non-members.
An amount of the Registration fee not to exceed \$800.00 shall be given to the Local Arrangements Committee to help defray the expenses of the annual meeting. Carried.
16. ARTICLE XIII. ANNUAL SESSIONS: Section 5: Amend by adding the words "Association or Society" after the word affiliated. Add after "in writing," "at least ten days prior to the Annual Meeting." Carried.

STANDING RULES

Amend—by making the following changes in numbers:

Change present rule 7 to Rule 1; present Rule 8 to Rule 2; present Rule 5 to Rule 3; present Rule 1 to Rule 4; present Rule 2 to Rule 5; present Rule 3 to Rule 6; present Rule 4 to Rule 7 and present Rule 6 to Rule 8, and amend by adding: "A member who has received the Loyalty Trophy shall not compete the second time for the award." Carried.

Rose Horn
Lillian Hoffman
Katie McConnell, Chairman,
A. D. A. A. By-Laws Committee, 1950

The General Session on Monday afternoon, which is a session all who are in attendance at the meeting look forward to, was again this year outstanding. The speakers were outstanding, their messages an inspiration to all.

Tuesday morning was given to viewing the twenty clinics presented by our clinicians with A. D. A. at Convention Hall. These clinics, which are non-competitive, were all very fine and as usual well attended by both Assistants and Doctors.

The second House of Delegates meeting was called to order at 2:55 P. M. Tuesday, the 31st of October. The recommendations from the reports of Officers, Board of Trustees, and Committee Chairmen which were read to the delegates on Monday and which had been co-related by the Recommendations Committee, appointed at the first session, were presented to the

delegates for disposition at the second session. These recommendations and the disposition of them were as follows:

From the President's Report:

THAT an extensive membership drive be undertaken and the following prizes awarded:

\$25.00 cash prize to the Association in Class I having the largest percentage increase;

\$50.00 cash prize to the Association in Class II having the largest percentage increase;

\$75.00 cash prize to the Association in Class III having the largest percentage increase;

Drive to begin November 1st, 1950, and end July 15th, 1951. Carried.

From the General Secretary's Report:

THAT the Immediate Past President be reinstated as voting member of the Board of Trustees. Carried.

From the reports of Trustees—

Illinois State Dental Assistants Association:

THAT there shall be an annual renewal fee of \$1.00 for the Certification Certificate, comparable to all other Certificates that are renewed annually. Lost.

Southern California State Dental Assistants Association:

THAT the Juliette A. Southard Relief Fund Committee be authorized to make a comprehensive survey and to formulate plans whereby the Juliette A. Southard Relief Fund can be more efficiently adapted to present day conditions.

Northern California Dental Assistants Association:

THAT the Juliette A. Southard Relief Fund be reorganized in order to facilitate handling and raising of funds to be used in the interest of needy members of the American Dental Assistants Association.

This reorganization is to consist of apportionment of the total fund back to the State Associations in the same proportion that each State Association contributed. Each State Association is to appoint a Committee whose duty will be to invest these funds and any interest derived therefrom to be distributed to eligible members in need.

This reorganization would facilitate investigation and distribution of available funds especially in emergency cases.

The Recommendations Committee moved that the portion of the recommendation from Southern California which read "that the Juliette A. Southard Relief Fund Committee be authorized to make a comprehensive survey" be adopted, and suggested that the additional recommendations from Southern and Northern California be turned over to the survey committee for consideration. Carried.

From the J. A. Southard Relief Fund Committee:

THAT \$740.00 be transferred from the General Fund and invested in a Government Bond.

THAT \$100.00 be transferred from the General Fund to the Revolving Fund so that \$1,000.00 will be available during the coming year for relief.

THAT the summary of contributions and expenditures be published in the Journal by states. Carried.

From the ADAA Education Committee:

THAT the course of instruction for Dental Assistants, with Dr. Irwin Robert Levy as Director, at Eastern School for Physicians' Aides, Inc., New York, N. Y. be approved. Rejected by committee; no vote taken.

THAT the application for approval of Elkhart Business University be referred to the new Education Committee for their consideration. Carried.

From the ADAA Budget Committee:

THAT the 1950 Budget be based upon income from 6,000 members at \$1.60 per capita to the General Fund, and \$1.40 per capita to the Journal Fund. Carried.

A very complete, and comprehensive report of the ADAA Re-Districting Committee was presented by the Chairman, Madge Tingley. It was accepted as given. The September-October issue gave a report of the proposed plan for Re-Districting, and elsewhere in this issue you will find a map which presents a complete picture of the Districts of A. D. A. A. as they are now.

The report of the Nominating Committee was given by Chairman, Violet Crowley. The General Secretary announced nominations for District Trustees. The acceptance of the plan of Districting added one new District to the organization plan of the ADAA, and the rearrangement of other States necessitated the election of two new Trustees. A recess was granted in order that the Delegates from the states involved could hold a meeting to nominate additional Trustees. When the meeting was called back to order the announcement of these nominations was made by the General Secretary, Steve Ann Montgomery.

This session recessed at 5:10 P. M.

The Conference of Delegates, held this year on Wednesday morning, is always enthusiastically received by the Delegates. This is the time when the problems that have been adding up all year come to light, and many are solved. This year again the topic of greatest interest appeared to be Certification Problems. Chairman of Certification Board, Nelle Mitchell, was able to answer many of the perplexing problems at this session.

The third session of the House of Delegates was called to order Wednesday, November 1, at 2:00 P. M. It included the report of the Certification Board and further time was allowed at this time for more discussion on Certification Problems. The budget was adopted, and the balance of the time allotted to this session was given to the election of Officers.

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Chairman of Convention Arrangements Committee, gave her report. New Jersey State Association has a comparatively small membership, and needless to say being hostess society to the ADAA for this meeting was a huge undertaking for them. Our sincere thanks to Ruth and her committee chairman and members.

The Elections Committee announced the result of the election, and with Margaret Sharp acting as Installing Officer and Mildred Rinn as Conducting Officer, the following Officers for 1950-51 were installed in a beautiful candlelight service: Evelyn Brett, President; Steve Ann Montgomery, First Vice-President; Marie Johnson, Second Vice-President; Harriett Darling, Third Vice-President; Lillian Hoffman, General Secretary; LoRena Kelly, Treasurer; Mary Frances Joiner, Trustee Fourth District; Bessie Peterson, Trustee Seventh District; Doris Barnes, Trustee Eighth District; Leona Huntley, Trustee Ninth District; Esther Osborn, Trustee Tenth District; Alberta Clinite, Trustee Eleventh District.

The presentation of Trophies and Awards is an outstanding part of every meeting, every member in attendance eagerly awaits the announcement of the recipients of these. They are the following:

AMERICAN DENTAL ASSISTANTS ASSOCIATION

1950 Awards Committee

Awards for 1950 are to be presented to:

- 1st Award Membership Increase—
Oral Hygiene Trophy Cup Virginia State D. A. A. 105%
- 2nd Award Membership Increase—
Homer B. Robison Trophy New Hampshire State D. A. A. 100%
- 3rd Award Membership Increase—
Nye Goodman Gavel Trophy North Dakota State D. A. A. 59%
- 4th Award Membership Increase—
A. D. Hissy Trophy Vermont State D. A. A. 33%
- 5th Award Membership Increase—
Blue Ribbon Arkansas State D. A. A. 32%
- SPECIAL MEMBERSHIP PRIZES—Closing date—September 1st, 1950:
\$25.00 cash to the Association in Class I having the largest percentage increase; (Class I—Associations having less than 50 members at closing date of previous year)—New Hampshire, 100% increase.
\$50.00 cash to the Association in Class II having the largest percentage increase; (Class II—Associations having less than 100 members at closing date of previous year)—Virginia, 79%.
\$75.00 cash to the Association in Class III having the largest percentage increase; (Class III—Associations having more than 100 members at closing date of previous year)—Southern California, 21%.
- 1st Award—Outside Subscriptions—Trophy Cup Texas State D. A. A.
- 2nd Award—Outside Subscriptions—\$10.00 check from Journal Tennessee State D. A. A.
- 1st Award—Co-operation—Oren Oliver Trophy Georgia State D. A. A.
- 2nd Award—Co-operation—Blue Ribbon Iowa State D. A. A.
- 3rd Award—Co-operation—Red Ribbon South Dakota State D. A. A.
- Aloise B. Clement Achievement Trophy Ruth Doring
- 1st Poster Award—
Henry Fowler DDS Trophy Rhode Island State D. A. A.—"Off to a Good Start"
- 2nd Poster Award—
Doe Gold Plaque Kansas State D. A. A.—"If She's Worth Training"
- 3rd Poster Award—
Blue Ribbon New Jersey State D. A. A.—"Facts at Your Fingertips"
- 4th Poster Award—
Red Ribbon Honolulu D. A. A.—"Hawaii"
- Angelo Chiavaro Loyal Assistant Trophy—Marion Gruelle—longest service; with Dr. Leonidas Smith, Indianapolis, Ind., 36 years, 5 days.

Convention Attendance Trophy—Northern California D. A. A.—\$2,080 miles. Number of members registered, 7.

Past Presidents' Council Trophy—Mary Haney.

Best Educational Program for State Association—

\$10.00 check (Public Relations Committee).....Missouri-Kansas D. A. A. Bi-State Meeting

Educational Program for State Association—

1st Honorable Mention—Blue Ribbon Tennessee State D. A. A.

Educational Program for State Association—

2nd Honorable Mention—Red RibbonMassachusetts State D. A. A.

Best Educational Program for Local Society—

(Not less than 6 meetings) \$10.00 check First District of New York

Educational Program for Local Society—

1st Honorable Mention—Blue Ribbon Metropolitan District of Massachusetts

Educational Program for Local Society—

2nd Honorable Mention—Red Ribbon Dallas County, Texas D. A. A.

Pin Committee Member Award—District in which the largest percentage

of pins sold (donated by Klein's) 5th District (Helen Carver Member of Comm.)

Award to Trustee for largest number of new Societies in District—Tie between two districts—

8th District, Violet Crowley; 9th District, Madge Tingley.

Awarding of Past President's Pin and Certificate—Mary Haney.

Awarding of Trustee Guards to retiring Trustees—Madge Tingley, 9th District; Harriett Darling, 7th District; Evelyn MacVay, 4th District; Violet Crowley, 8th District.

We were indeed happy to have five Canadian guests registered for the meeting this year. Each year the Canadian Dental Nurses Association sends a representative, and each time we are impressed by the charm these representatives possess. So it was again this year. Lois Easton, President of St. Catharines, Ontario Association brought a delightful greeting at the General Session on Monday. Among the five Canadian guests was one of special importance, none other than Mrs. Marion Edwards who is an honorary member of the ADAA. Mrs. Edwards is a charter member and Past President of the Ontario Association of Dental Nurses, which was started in 1927. Marion has given much of herself to dentistry and the association in the past years. We were delighted and honored to have her and her girls in our midst.

The lovely Tea given on Sunday afternoon by the hostess society in the West Room, Haddon Hall, was a perfect beginning for the many nice things in store for us throughout the meeting. The New Jersey members left nothing undone in their arrangements to provide entertainment for all in attendance.

The highlight of entertainment at every meeting is the banquet honoring our President. This year was certainly no exception. It was obvious that Eleanor Glass and her Committee had given much thought, and spent many hours working, toward making this gala evening the success it was. Dr. Edward L. Ball was Master of Ceremonies and entertained us with his guitar and songs. The Laugh Auctioneer who appeared on the program certainly lived up to his title. The entertainment was superb, and provided an evening of complete relaxation from the serious side of the meeting.

The gracious contribution of talent by our Delegate, Annie Kerr of Hawaii, seemed a perfect climax for the evening. Annie has endeared herself to us in the past two years she has been with us for the meetings. Earlier in the evening she presented each of the Officers and some special friends with a beautiful lei, which she had flown in from the Islands. The banquet came to a close as we listened to Annie's velvety voice bringing us the song of her native land—ALOHA.

YOU ARE PIONEERS

By Dr. Jacob Feinman

(Presented before the Certified Dental Assistants, September 25, 1950 during the First Capping Services held in New York City.)

The importance of this occasion is possibly cramped because we have not secured Grand Central Station, or at least, Carnegie Hall, so that we may proclaim this auspicious occasion not only to you but to the public. The Second District Dental Society is overwhelmed with the results of your endeavors.

When I was first approached with the "104-Hour Extension Study Course" by the officers of the Dental Assistants Study Club, I was most impressed with the eagerness and sincerity of these ambitious women. Little did I know when I was appointed as Chairman of the Planning Committee just how ambitious they are! My co-chairmen, Dr. Joseph Schure and Dr. A. J. Abeloff will bear me out, I'm sure.

I must admit, it was partly an ulterior motive that prompted the formation of this Planning Committee and the reason for the stamp of approval. It is because the Dental Profession is realizing more and more the need of properly trained Dental Assistants. **YOU ARE PIONEERS!** You are the Prelude of things to come . . . the future of your profession, the standard of the future profession will blossom from your achievement. I represent the Dental Profession and I speak from personal experience. A dental office is not half complete without a trained dental assistant! We need more and more women in your field . . . with the education and the enthusiasm that the members of this group possess. You are the first and last contact with our patients. The "in-between" only you who will be capped tonight can know!

Let me commend the guests who are present here tonight. The parents, husbands, sisters, brothers, employers and friends . . . I admire your perseverance. Your cooperation is definitely worthy of mention. Your presence . . . and in such vastness, assures me that you are aware of the trials and tribulations which confronted these women. On behalf of the Profession, I thank you for your noteworthy assistance.

Before the President of the Second District Dental Society, Dr. A. G. Wagner, conducts the Official ADAA Certification Ceremony, I would appreciate your indulgence while I speak directly to these 33 pioneers who deserve your acclaim. To you, who will receive the emblem of distinction, who are attired in the gleaming, spotless white uniform that comprises your dress daily . . . I am honored to have played a part in this program. Among you are most of the officers of the Dental Assistants Study Club. Eight of you who will receive your Certificates and Caps were certified without examination due to the longevity requirements as prepared by the American Dental Assistants Association. **YOU** are the truest Pioneers in your splendid profession. The instructors who generously donated their time and are present here tonight, were overwhelmed that some of you have suffered the pangs of dental duties for more years than they! With humbleness and esteem, we salute you. We know that tonight you realize your efforts for Organization have not been in vain. It is women like you who are a pride to any association. I am certain the ADAA is mighty proud of you. The

rest of you have quite a pattern to follow and these leaders will pave the path for your future.

Your organization is a fine one and cooperation is required. Assume responsibilities. Continue with higher and better Education. Permit the efforts of your founder, Juliette Southard, to be ever alive in your profession. You will not work in vain.

And now, as I turn the gavel to your Conducting Chairman, Dr. Wagner, speak clearly your pledge . . . memorize it . . . live up to it, it is a mighty grand one . . . wear your caps proudly and continue to be the pioneers of Dental Assistants.

May God Bless you . . . all.

Note: Although 75 students took the course, only 33 were eligible for examination. The remainder will be qualified for the next one to be given. These ceremonies were held at One Hanson Place; 198 attended. Among other speakers were Dr. Joseph Schure, Dr. Charles McNeeley, Dr. Davis and Dr. Burns.

Lee M. Taras.

WHAT HAVE YOU DONE?

The following is a letter sent to the membership of one of the State Societies. Read it and ask yourself if you have done as well as these girls.

Dear Dental Assistant:

It is a happy custom we give attention to the birthday anniversaries of the people who mean much to us. In 1937, the American Dental Assistants Association, of which you are a member, decided it would be most fitting that the birthday of its founder, Juliette A. Southard, should be celebrated annually on September 25th. Such a great lady—one whose leadership and ideals have been so far-reaching in our Dental Assistants Association—surely is worth recognition.

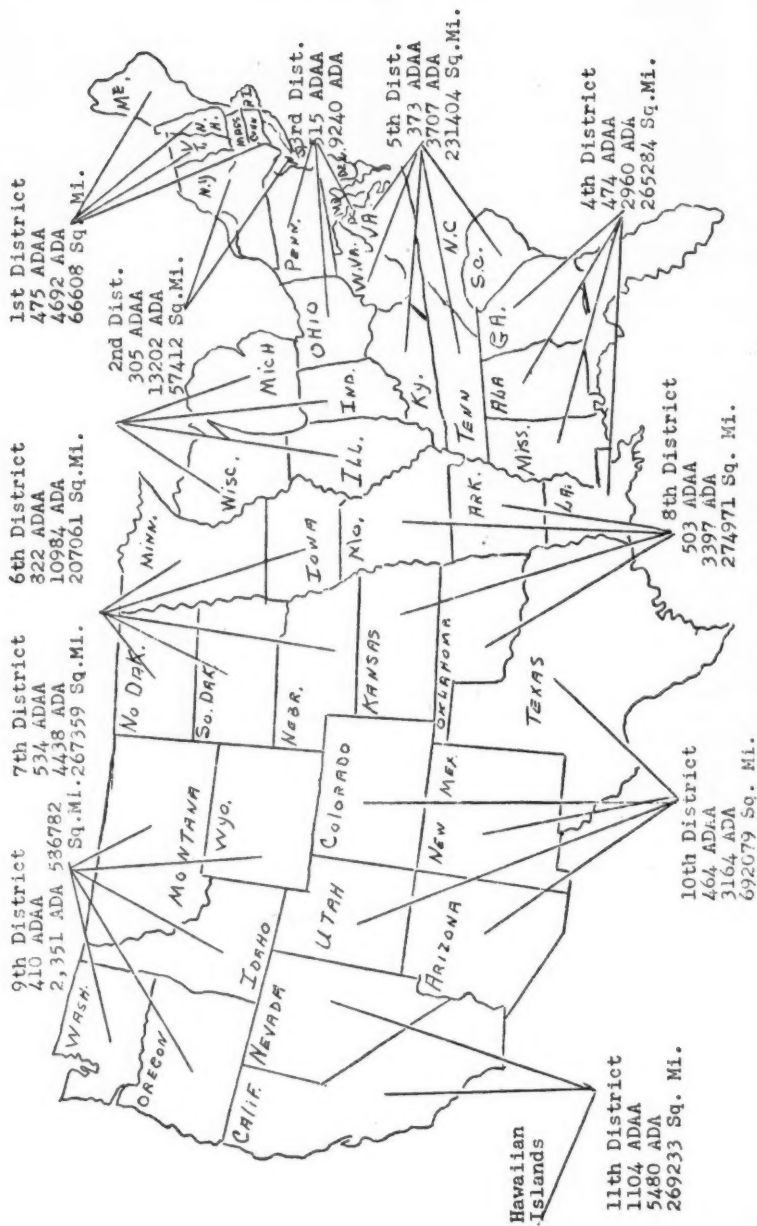
The proceeds of all Juliette A. Southard birthday events are placed in the Juliette A. Southard Relief Fund so that needy Dental Assistants who have been Association Members for three or more years may, by applying to the Juliette A. Southard Relief Fund Committee, receive financial aid. True, the benefits are limited but they will grow as the fund grows.

Sometimes it isn't practical to have parties where all could attend. It is suggested that every member send a quarter (the price of a birthday card), or more if you are so inclined, to the Secretary of your society.

Thank you for your interest and your gift.

Isn't this a grand letter and doesn't it point out the way for you? Let's all benefit.

Elma Troutman, Chairman
J. A. S. Birthday Party Committee
822 Harries Bldg.
Dayton 2, Ohio.



A. D. A. NEWS RELEASE

The dental mirror, long taken for granted, has now been improved to give the dentist a new—and better—look at his patient.

Development of a new type mirror was reported today in *The Journal of the American Dental Association* by Dr. Robert J. Nelsen, of Washington, D. C., a member of the Association's research staff assigned to the National Bureau of Standards.

The new mirror, described as having optical properties far surpassing the usual mirror, has its reflecting surface at the first or front surface. It is made of glass blanks plated with a substance called rhodium. The blanks are fitted into a mirror backing from which the conventional mirror has been removed.

It differs from most of the mirrors in use today which have their reflecting surfaces at the second or back surface. The glass in the usual mirror is backed with silver.

The ordinary mirror, Dr. Nelsen said, tends to show secondary or "ghost" images which are automatically disregarded by dentists but are the source of considerable eyestrain.

The new mirror, he explained, produces only a single image. Until the development of the rhodium material, he said, there has been no durable reflecting surface that could be used clinically as a front surface mouth mirror.

IMPORTANT NOTICES

Effective January 1st, 1951 the price of the *Dental Assistant Journal* to subscribers will be increased. In the U. S. the price will be \$2.00 a year. In Canada and foreign countries \$2.50; single copies 35 cents.

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A change has been made in the Business-Advertising Manager of the *Journal Staff*. The resignation of Dorothy McLeese has been accepted, and Laura Whiffen, 1521 Medical Arts Building, Houston, Texas, has been appointed to serve in this capacity. Please keep this in mind when sending material to the Business-Advertising Manager.

ATTENTION STATE SECRETARIES

You are requested to check your files for old records of charter members of your association, and those on your records eligible for life membership in A. D. A. A. Please send this information at the earliest possible time to the Executive Secretary, Mary L. Martin, 410 First National Bank Bldg., LaPorte, Ind. She is in need of this information.



Wishing you

ALL THE JOYS OF THE SEASON
GOOD HEALTH, GOOD FRIENDS, GOOD CHEER

The Journal Staff

"NOVENA FOR PEACE"

Each Saturday afternoon I see in our home town paper a brief announcement—"Novena for peace - 7:00 P. M." to be held in one of the three Catholic Churches in our town. Recently I asked one of my Catholic friends about this and she explained that it was a service for the purpose of praying for peace, to be perpetuated until the coming of peace. The thought held me and my heart is stirred by it; I am glad that these prayers for peace are going up to God.

Now, at Christmas time as we think of the Babe who was born in a Manger we remember that He was also a Young Man who died on a Cross. The Mother who sang the Annunciation, who greeted the Shepherds and the Wise Men who followed a star, and who pondered all of these things in her heart. Our hearts are heavy because of our young men who are engaged in war in the Korean theatre and we are disturbed because the world is so full of unrest and wars and rumors of wars. We think of the angelic song, "Glory to God in the Highest and on Earth Peace" and wonder—will it ever come.

Let us not say that peace is an impossible dream, that war is inevitable and human nature cannot be changed. Human nature has been changed in individual cases and men whose lives have been all wrong have been lifted out of lives of sin. Let us not doubt that nations too can be brought to see the light; let us know that peace can be achieved if we storm the gates of heaven to bring it about. And at some Christmas time, not too far away mankind will join with the angelic host in singing "Glory to God in the Highest—and on Earth Peace."

Is there a wreath in the window of your office at Christmas time? Is Christmas in the air in your reception room? A poinsetta plant or a Christmas bouquet? Your child patients will be thrilled if you have a tiny Christmas tree; oh, how their eyes do shine when they see the tree with lights on it, and if there should happen to be a tooth brush wrapped in a Christmas package or some other small gift for each child who comes in during the Christmas season the Dentist's office will thereafter be a very special place and the Dentist a very special person for him. Do keep Christmas in the Dental office.

Sadie M. Leach.

The Christmas Tree

THE SPIRIT OF THE CHRISTMAS TREE is, of course, the important thing, and not the tree itself. There have been substitutes for the evergreens in far lands and places. At sea, brooms are traditionally used. In the American desert, the spiny cactus is decorated. Potted palms serve where they are the only trees. In China, where trees are rare and costly, the Christmas tree is often built of plaited straw.

No one would deny that these are Christmas trees, least of all those for whom they signify Christmas. The Christmas tree and its spirit move all of us from the youngest, wide-eyed child filled with its beauty and wonder, to the oldest member of the circle around it filled with memories of other Christmases. It has, as well, a mystic and symbolic appeal to all the ages of mankind.

IN MEMORIAM

We announce with regret the death of two of our members, Laura Plackmeyer of the St. Louis Dental Assistants Association, who passed away in April; and Edna Widner of the Iowa State Dental Assistants

ARE YOU GUILTY OF?

- HEAD:** Hair uncombed appearance—or in need of a shampoo. Too much lipstick, rouge, mascara, earrings or beads. How about the cap—soiled or wrinkled.
- HANDS:** Bracelets, too many rings. Nails—too long, bright polish.
- UNIFORMS:** Buttons missing, torn pockets, soiled or badly ironed, a drooping slip or colored hanky in pocket.
- HOSE:** Runners, soiled, seams not straight—or none.
- SHOES:** Heels worn down, or high ones that click, soiled or clean ones with soiled laces or vice-versa.

REPORT OF THE JULIETTE A. SOUTHARD RELIEF FUND COMMITTEE

The members of the Juliette A. Southard Relief Fund Committee, Robina McMurdo, Ollie Helms, Lois Lambring, and LoRena Kelley have instructed me to make the following report and recommendations:

One member has been aided in the amount of \$225.00 during the past year.

One member applied for aid but was not eligible because of a pregnancy involvement.

Contributions to the Fund from September 1st, 1940 through September 30th, 1950 were \$909.17; interest accrued on bank deposit since last audit was \$18.11; balance in General Fund \$1,082.22; balance in Revolving Fund \$900.00—total balance \$1,982.22.

One more Government Bond has been added to our Investment Fund—cost \$740.00. Total amount in Investment Fund, less interest, \$4,070.00.

The expense of printing amended pamphlets was \$58.84, and a fee for bank checks was \$100. Total expense \$59.84.

A complete summary of contributions by States and a break-down of the receipts, expenditures, and the amounts in the various funds are attached herewith and will appear in the Journal within the next few months, that is, if the House of Delegates vote "yes" on the recommendation.

The committee recommends:

THAT \$740.00 be invested in another Government Bond.

THAT \$100.00 be transferred to the Revolving Fund.

THAT the summary of contributions by states be published in the Journal.

Respectfully submitted,
Sadie L. Hadley, Chairman,
J. A. S. Relief Fund Committee.

September 30, 1950.

SUMMARY OF CONTRIBUTIONS TO JULIETTE A. SOUTHARD RELIEF FUND BY STATES

	From 1937 to 1949 inc.	1949-50	Totals
1. Alabama	\$ 60.00	\$ 13.55	\$ 73.53
2. Arizona	10.00	10.00	20.00
3. Arkansas	10.00	5.00	15.00
4. California	1,742.92	155.00	1,897.92
5. Colorado	55.00		55.00
6. Connecticut	65.73	17.00	82.73
7. Delaware			
8. District of Columbia	425.50	10.00	435.50
9. Florida	135.07	55.10	190.17
10. Georgia	142.21	17.99	160.20
11. Idaho			
12. Illinois	117.80		117.80
13. Indiana	431.85	102.22	534.07
14. Iowa	100.21	17.60	117.81
15. Kansas	248.49	17.00	265.49
16. Kentucky	129.25	30.00	159.25
17. Louisiana	158.28	110.00	268.28
18. Maine	20.00		20.00
19. Maryland			
20. Massachusetts	328.17	17.00	345.17
21. Michigan	137.45	30.00	167.45
22. Minnesota	98.00	10.00	108.00
23. Mississippi	10.00		10.00
24. Missouri	152.00	30.03	183.03
25. Montana	3.50		3.50
26. Nebraska	115.00	10.00	125.00
27. Nevada			
28. New Hampshire	18.00	5.00	23.00
29. New Jersey	200.24	5.00	205.24
30. New Mexico			
31. New York	145.35	25.00	170.35
32. North Carolina			

33. North Dakota	18.15		18.15
34. Ohio	321.53	36.00	357.53
35. Oklahoma	55.50	10.20	65.70
36. Oregon	73.15	21.25	94.40
37. Pennsylvania	365.95	20.00	385.95
38. Rhode Island	50.00		50.00
39. South Carolina	67.50	30.00	97.50
40. South Dakota	61.67	8.40	70.07
41. Tennessee	190.90	15.00	205.90
42. Texas	129.00	25.35	154.35
43. Utah	38.85		38.85
44. Vermont			
45. Virginia	27.75	12.00	39.75
46. Washington	49.14	15.00	64.14
47. West Virginia	135.75	10.00	145.75
48. Wisconsin	115.10	10.00	125.10
49. Wyoming			
50. Dr. A. Merritt	15.00		15.00
Totals	\$6,771.46	\$909.17	\$7,680.63
Interest accrued	156.45	18.11	174.56
Total receipts	\$6,927.91	\$927.28	\$7,855.19
Investments	3,330.00	740.00	4,070.00
Expenditures—Printing and checks	1,343.13	59.84	1,402.97
Expenditures—Relief	175.00	225.00	400.00
Balance on hand August 31, 1949	\$2,079.78		
Balance on hand September 30, 1950			\$1,982.22

Compiled by Sadie L. Hadley, Chairman J. A. S. Relief Fund Committee,
163 Cabot St., Beverly, Mass.

SUMMARY

JULIETTE A. SOUTHARD RELIEF FUND

Year	Contri- butions	Interest	Total Rec.	Expendi- tures	Inv. Fund	Rev. Fund	Gen. Fund
1937-38	\$ 479.06	\$ 3.34	\$ 482.40				\$ 482.40
1938-39	355.65	12.72	368.37				850.77
1939-40	578.46	17.91	596.37				1,447.14
1940-41	522.34	16.56	538.90	\$1,112.12			873.92
1941-42	390.03	13.85	403.88	145.00			1,132.80
1942-43	302.67	10.55	313.22		\$ 740.00		706.02
1943-44	295.38	7.97	303.35			\$ 400.00	609.37
1944-45	454.05	10.86	464.91				1,074.28
1945-46	726.40	13.36	739.76		740.00	300.00	774.02
1946-47	740.35	17.09	757.44			200.00	1,331.48
1947-48	1,039.83	9.79	1,049.62	34.00	1,110.00	100.00	1,137.10
1948-49	887.24	22.45	909.69	227.01	740.00		1254.78
1949-50	909.17	18.11	927.28	284.84	740.00	300.00	1982.22
Total Contributions	\$7,680.63						
Total Interest		\$174.56					
Total Receipts			\$7,855.19				
Total Expenditures				\$1,802.97			
Total Investments					\$4,070.00		
Total in Revolving Fund						\$ 900.00	
Total in General Fund							\$1,082.22

Assets in bank 9-30-'50...\$1,982.22
Amount invested 4,070.00
Total Assets\$6,052.22

LARGEST CONTRIBUTIONS FOR YEAR 1949-50

First—California	\$155.00
Second—Louisiana	110.00
Third—Indiana	102.22
Fourth—Florida	55.10
Fifth—Ohio	36.00
Sixth—Missouri	30.03

LARGEST TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS

First—California	\$1,897.92
Second—Indiana	534.07
Third—District of Columbia	435.50
Fourth—Pennsylvania	385.95
Fifth—Ohio	357.53
Sixth—Massachusetts	345.17

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Secretary's Corner

By Mary L. Martin, Executive Secretary

410 First National Bank Bldg.

LaPorte, Indiana

Beginning November 1st, 1950, the Executive Secretary will accept 1951 memberships. Please collect and forward dues as promptly as possible, making up lists according to instructions for remitting dues.

The past year has seen an increase in memberships for the ADAA; and the organization of many new Local Societies and six State Associations. There is increased interest in dental assisting as a career for young women, and greater opportunity for further increase in members.

If you know of any ADAA member who is not receiving her Journal, please notify the Subscription Manager, Dorothy Kowalczyk, 410 First National Bank Building, LaPorte, Indiana. There are always some Journals returned after the distribution of each issue. Those names are withdrawn from the active mailing list. We have no way of determining the reason for these returns, or where they should have been sent, until and unless we are advised of changed names, addresses, etc.

NEW ASSOCIATIONS

NEW JERSEY—Plainfield Dental Assistants Assn.—President, Ann Schwartz, 220 Mountain Ave., Bound Brook; Secretary, Margaret Allen, 15 North Bridge St., Somerville.

PENNSYLVANIA STATE DENTAL ASSISTANTS ASSN.—President, Alicia King, 1011 Professional Bldg., Pittsburgh; Secretary, Joan Fasel, 2506 Myrtle St., Erie.

CHANGES OF OFFICERS

NO. CALIF.—Fresno District D.A.S.—President, Sue Garabedian, Rt. 3, Box 455, Fresno; Secretary, Shirley Wong, 303 Strother Ave., Fresno.

GEORGIA DENTAL ASSISTANTS ASSN.—President, Ruth Kennedy, 608-9 C. & S. Bank Bldg., Albany; Secretary, Mabel Knight, 31 Fourth St., N. E., Atlanta 5.

IOWA—Ft. Dodge District D.A.A.—President, Patty Tonsfeldt, 801 Carver Bldg., Ft. Dodge; Secretary, Peggy Beckel, 206 Carver Bldg., Ft. Dodge.

IOWA—Waterloo Dist. D.A.A.—President, Ruth Hayes, 3½ Main St., West, Marshalltown; Secretary, Nancy Lee, 810 Black Bldg., Waterloo.

MASS.—Metropolitan Dist. D.A.A.—President, Irene McMahon, 403 Commonwealth Ave., Boston.

NORTH DAKOTA—Grand Forks D.A.A.—President, Maxine Benson, c/o Dr. Hewitt, Red River Natl. Bank Bldg., Grand Forks; Secretary, Irma Pasbrig, c/o Dr. Swendiman, First Natl. Bank Bldg., Grand Forks.

SOUTH CAROLINA STATE D.A.A.—President, Janie C. Mooror, 81½ Wentworth St., Charleston; Secretary, Betty Lou Drawdy, Route 1, Box 61-B, Walterboro.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

LOUISIANA STATE D.A.A.—Secretary, Margaret G. Barnidge, 283 Pennsylvania Ave., Shreveport.

VIEWS OF THE NEWS

By Clara Samson

"There was no bridge. On either side of the river people lived. But those on the far side and those on the near side did not know each other. They had no way to trade happiness or help or friendship. Each was the poorer because no highway lay between them. . . . But a bridge-builder came. Across the river, reaching to the far shore, he made a bridge—a thing of substance, solid and lasting. And at once the people on the far side and those on the near became one people. Across the bridge flowed an exchange of all the good things that each possessed. Over the bridge moved friendship, affection and mutual regard.

"You can build a bridge too. Send across your bridge a smile of happiness, a word of cheer, a bit of homey chat. Remember, the bridge runs two ways. Back across it will come multiplied all that you sent."

—The Monitor.

"Views of the News" is the Bridge of the American Dental Assistants Association which connects the component societies, that we may have an exchange of ideas and friendship—thus making the opportunities for each of us richer because of sharing. Many societies have contributed to the building of our Bridge by writing of their accomplishments and plans. "Back across the bridge will come multiplied all that they sent."

FIRST DISTRICT—

At the September meeting of the RHODE ISLAND DENTAL ASSISTANTS SOCIETY Dr. A. James Kershaw of Providence, Rhode Island acted as moderator for a round-table discussion pertinent to increasing the efficiency of the Dental Assistant in every-day practice.

Plans were started for the Tenth Annual Meeting to be held at the Narragansett Hotel, Providence, in January. Miss Rita B. Bannon, President, appointed the following members to the various convention committees: Ann Ford and Eleanor M. Gallogly, chairman and co-chairman; Stella Wightman, clinic chairman; Josephine Russell, poster chairman; Evelyn Forloni, program chairman. A most hearty welcome is extended to all fellow members to attend this meeting.

The Society now maintains a registry for Dental Assistants. Any unemployed assistant or any dentist needing an assistant may contact Eleanor M. Gallogly, Registrar.

Classes for the 104-Hour Certification Course will resume this fall.

Jane Dunn, Publicity Chairman, reported for Rhode Island.

THE NASSAU COUNTY DENTAL ASSISTANTS SOCIETY meets every third Monday of the month from October to May at the Garden City Hotel at 8:30 P. M. A lecture of educational value is usually presented. This year's educational program has been organized, and I am sure that it will be very interesting.

Nassau County's first certified dental assistants attended the capping ceremony held in Brooklyn on September 25. Those to be capped were Mildred Meehan, Rosemary Salvo, Evelyn Benoit, Ruth McRoy, and Jean Hoessel.

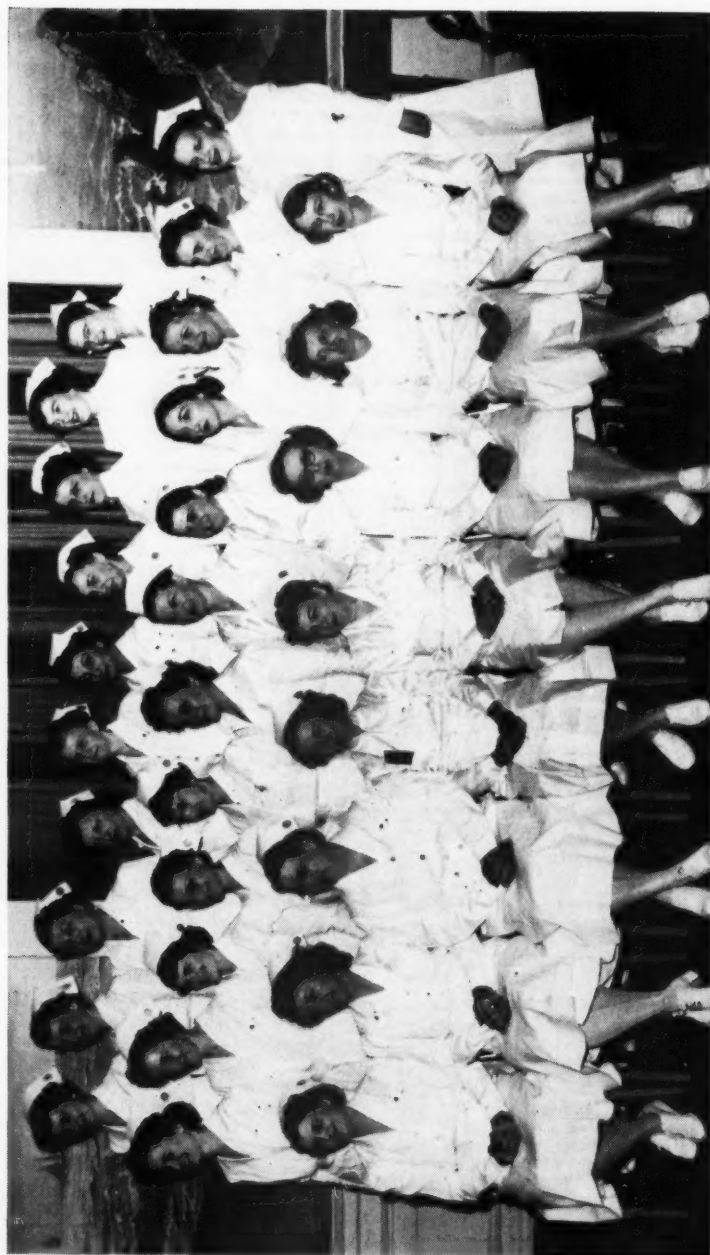
The topic for the November meeting will be "Oral Hygiene" with Dr. Gilbert Sherman as lecturer. The purpose of this lecture is to acquaint the dental assistants with the fundamentals of oral hygiene so that she may better aid her doctor in patient education. Plans will be made at this time for the members of the NCDAS to work in conjunction with Dr. Sherman during "Children's Health Week," February 5-9.

Joan M. Hoessel, who reported for Nassau, announces that anyone interested in joining the Nassau County Dental Assistants Society should contact Miss Evelyn Benoit, 204 Mineola Ave., Carle Place, N. Y., for further information.

SECOND DISTRICT—

THE DENTAL ASSISTANTS SOCIETY OF THE FIRST DISTRICT, NEW YORK, INC. is devoting the regular November and December meetings to practice management and patient relations, two of the most important aspects of the well-trained dental assistant's work. On Friday, November 17 at 8:15 P. M., Dr. Arthur A. Klatzkin will address the Society, speaking on the role of the Dental Assistant in practice building. Prior to the opening of the meeting, Sylvia Hauser will present a table clinic on "Hints and Gadgets" at 7:30 P. M. On Wednesday, December 6, at 8:15 P. M., Dr. A. V. Purinton will speak on "Patient Relations," supplementing his talk with motion pictures on the same topic. Both meetings, under the chairmanship of Louella Dopp, President, will be held as usual in the meeting rooms of the First District Dental Society in the Hotel Statler, N. Y. C.

Members of the Clinic Club will present table clinics at the Greater New York Dental Meeting on Friday, December 8. On the subject of "Handling Accounts," Naomi Dreyfuss will present various methods of keeping records and a large assortment of letters for affective col-



MASSACHUSETTS CERTIFICATION CLASS

Back row, left to right: Mariella Langley, Martha Madore, Bertha Freed, Marie St. Germain, Dorothy Hendrickson, Jennie Roberto, Emily Middleman, Irene McGee, Agnola Curley, Mary Ann O'Leary, Nellie Semanya, Hazel Provan, Luba Kizlik, Alice Killian, Laelle Moran, Josephine Dwyer, Irene Clemons, Maxine Broome, Angela Regis.
Front row, left to right: Sadie Hadley, Helen Gaboury, Margaret Gylover, Phyllis Morgan, Katherine Sennott, Helen Kirkpatrick, Mary Faith Manyak, Alleen Ferguson.

lection of delinquent accounts. In "The Dental Assistant in the Laboratory," Glenn Edward will demonstrate the duties of the assistant in the laboratory, including many helpful suggestions for increased efficiency. In their presentation "Radiographic Aids," Mildred Vonne and Sylvia Danenbaum will show how the assistant can be useful and efficient in dental radiography, from the time the patient enters the X-ray room, through the mounting of the films for interpretation by the dentist. This clinic will cover, as well, the purchase, care and storage of the films, care of the X-ray machine and processing equipment, and filing.

A varied and comprehensive program of classes and clinics has been instituted for the members, including such topics as telephone courtesy, the making of appointments, recalls and collections, reception and care of the patient, radiology for the dental assistant, sterilization, care of equipment and instruments, the making of dies and pouring of models, inlay technique, dental anatomy and terminology, and assistance at the chair. These activities are open to all members of the society and further details may be obtained by addressing Miss Louella Dopp, 140 W. 71st St., N. Y. 23, N. Y.

Sylvia Danenbaum, Publicity Chairman, who wrote this wonderful news from New York, announces that visitors to the Greater New York Dental Meetings are cordially invited to attend the meeting on December 6, and the members look forward to welcoming dental assistants from all over the country. The members of the New York Society say "Merry Christmas" to everyone and hope that the coming year will be tops in achievement, success, and happiness.

THE DENTAL ASSISTANT STUDY CLUB of the SECOND DISTRICT, NEW YORK met on Friday, October 20, 8:00 P. M. at the Second District Dental Society Headquarters, 1 Hanson Place, Brooklyn, New York. "Inlay Technique—Pattern to Finish" was the subject of Dr. Joseph M. Eiqsen, speaker of the evening.

The second District Dental Society is sponsoring the second "104-Hour Extension Study Course for Dental Assistants" commencing October 4. Applications may be had from Sylvia Schwartz, 332 New York Avenue, Brooklyn, New York. Fee is \$30.00 for new members (including dues) and \$20.00 for present members. The classes are as follows:

Wednesday, October 4—Status of the Dental Assistant; Office Procedure.....Dr. A. G. Wagner
Friday, October 6—TerminologyDr. Joseph Schure
Wednesday, October 11—Dental Economics.....Dr. Irvin H. Tulkin
Wednesday, October 18—Records, Bookkeeping, Recall.....Dr. Irvin H. Tulkin
Wednesday, October 25—Care of Office Equipment.....Dr. Alex Lifshitz

The first Certification Capping Services took place September 25. The Planning Committee officiated.

THE SYRACUSE DENTAL ASSISTANTS ASSOCIATION proudly announces that the Syracuse dental assistants are the second group of the component societies to become certified. The Syracuse Dental Assistants who successfully passed the 104-hour study course sponsored by the Syracuse Dental Assistants Association and approved by the American Dental Assistants Association were Mrs. Alberta Apalding, President of the Dental Assistants Association of the State of New York; Miss Arlene Hartnett, President of the Syracuse Dental Assistants Association; Miss Dolores Ehmann, Mrs. Madeline Porter, Mrs. Alyse Teich, Mrs. Ann Robbino and Mrs. Winifred Prosser.

Thanks to Grace W. Obert for this news.

THE NEW JERSEY STATE DENTAL ASSISTANTS ASSOCIATION held their first board meeting of the season at the office of Dr. William Giblin, 85 Park St., Montclair, New Jersey, on September 10. At this time, Miss Ruth Doring, Convention Chairman, outlined the duties for all the various chairmen who were present.

Miss Jeanne Loiselle, Second District Trustee, has been invited to attend and speak at the Canadian Dental Nurses Convention in Montreal the third week in October. Mrs. Bernice Fimble, a past New Jersey State President, has just returned from England where she visited Dental Nurses with whom we have been corresponding this past year.

ESSEX COUNTY is planning to have its opening Clinic in October at the Academy of Medicine where Mr. Martin P. Duffy of Johnson and Johnson will present "The Old and the New." Miss Corinne Kernes, entertainment chairman of Essex, is selling Christmas cards to raise money for the annual party. On September 11, the Essex County Certification Course will again get under way.

Mrs. Mabel Burr, a charter member of Monmouth County, who has exhibited her paintings in Asbury Park, New Jersey, has donated paintings to Essex and Monmouth Counties.

Charlotte Myers has sent us this interesting news from New Jersey.

THIRD DISTRICT—

The last meeting of the year for the PITTSBURGH DENTAL ASSISTANTS ASSOCIATION proved to be a very entertaining one, reports Julie S. Doerr, publicity chairman. As guest speaker for the evening they had with them the prominent Dr. Alice Galarski, who spoke to the girls on Gynecology. This was a worthwhile and educational topic.

The Pittsburgh Dental Assistants are preparing to attend the National Convention in a big way. There are far more girls from Pittsburgh going to this National Convention than ever before. President Genevieve Conforti and Vice-President Audrey Mangis are attending the convention as delegates. Miss Gloria Nestor and Miss Helen Keeler are being sent as alternates.

Pittsburgh is especially proud of their Third District Trustee, Mrs. Virginia Hoffman and our ADAA First Vice-President, Mrs. Evelyn Brett for their fine efforts in organizing a State Society. All the Pittsburgh girls are working very hard to have their association a part of a State Society. Many of the girls went to Philadelphia on the week-end of May 19 to a meeting for the organization of the PENNSYLVANIA STATE DENTAL ASSISTANTS ASSOCIATION. May we wish them all the luck and success in this new venture and hope that their State Society will be organized by the time the National Meeting takes place.

The next meeting, which was the first after the summer vacation, took place September 12, at the Hotel Roosevelt. The guest speaker for that evening was Mr. Jerry Warner who spoke on the subject "Recall Your Future." The girls were all glad to see each other after the long summer.

FOURTH DISTRICT—

THE JACKSONVILLE FLORIDA DENTAL ASSISTANTS ASSOCIATION had their Capping Ceremony in the ballroom of the Seminole Hotel on March 30, 1950. Six girls received their caps and all of them felt as if they had come to the end of a long road in achieving their goal as dental assistants. The six girls whose names have been added to the list of Certified Dental Assistants of Jacksonville are Cleo Tanner, Audrey Pittman, Dorothy Worchal, Jessie Durden, Marjorie De She, and Gladys Womack.

At the meeting on April 12, Miss Elizabeth Reed, Director of Health Education for the State Board of Health, spoke on "Health Problems in Brazil." Miss Reed had spent two years in Brazil and through her experiences was able to speak in a most interesting manner. Undivided attention was given to two Jacksonville D. A.'s, Ruth Landrum and Beatrice Andrews, who presented two very interesting table clinics. Ruth chose as her subject, "Duties of a Dental Assistant," and Beatrice, "Telephone Courtesy."

Fun was had by all at the June meeting. The main attraction was a White Elephant Sale. Patsy Callahan, who is very clever, put on this sale in the form of an auction and managed to raise \$15.35 from the members present. Also in June, each member thinned out her wardrobe and all discarded clothing was sold at the rummage sale which was held in the colored section of town. However small the amount collected . . . it still adds to the treasury; but what Jacksonville considers even greater, is the activities of this type which requires the assistance of each member, stimulates the friendship, co-operation, and loyalty that is so recognizable in this group.

At the July meeting, Dr. Floyd De Camp of the State Board of Health spoke on "Better Education of the Patient by the Dental Assistant." He also gave some interesting facts on Sodium Fluoride. During the program, Dr. De Camp had the Assistants participate in an impromptu Radio Panel entitled "Cancer Prevention."

Audrey Pittman, who sent this enthusiastic report, wrote, "We are planning lots of things for the fall and I know after the summer vacation we will be back just full of vim, vigor, and vitality, ready to do bigger and better things."

The following activities of the LOUISIANA DENTAL ASSISTANTS was reported by Virginia Wood.

The ALEXANDRIA DENTAL ASSISTANTS ASSOCIATION held their annual dinner and business meeting in July and plans were made to sell chances on a "Cinderella" doll made from twenty-five one dollar bills fashioned into a headdress. This project resulted in the sum of \$167.00 which would be used for the Relief Fund and other expenses.

The August meeting was suspended and plans were made to meet in September at the Local Y. W. C. A.

THE SHREVEPORT DENTAL ASSISTANTS ASSOCIATION did not meet in July or August, but held their regular dinner and business meeting in September. At the September meeting, plans were made for the study course which began September 21.

FIFTH DISTRICT—

From Chattanooga, Tennessee, Clara Blackwell announces that the CHATTANOOGA DENTAL ASSISTANTS SOCIETY is scheduled to take its Certification Examination on September 17. This is the first society in Tennessee to receive certificates. Thirteen were expected for the examination. The review classes start September 5 and continue through September 14.

SEVENTH DISTRICT—

THE NEBRASKA DENTAL ASSISTANTS ASSOCIATION had their annual picnic August 6 at Schuyler, Nebraska. There were twenty-nine guests at this meeting. There was a discussion on Certification and President Ruth Hofemeister presented her plans for classes to be given in different districts. These classes are to start in September.

The Third Capping Ceremony was held on October 1 at Fremont, Nebraska at which time twelve dental assistants received their certificates. The examination was taken in May at the Nebraska State Meeting.

Plans are underway for fine educational programs for the Fall meetings. Nebraska also plans to send two delegates and a clinician to the National Convention in Atlantic City.

Eva L. McGrew, who is employed at the Orthopedic Hospital, has reported for Nebraska.

EIGHTH DISTRICT—

THE NORTH TEXAS DISTRICT DENTAL ASSISTANTS SOCIETY met June 20 at the Dental Clinic of the Veterans Administration Hospital in McKinney. They were pleased to have as their guest, Dr. J. J. Addison of Dallas, who gave an interesting talk on X-rays. After a nice luncheon served at the First Christian Church, the meeting resumed in the Dental Clinic. President Kathleen Wofford presided over the business meeting. Seven regular members and four new members were present. Delightful refreshments were enjoyed. The next meeting was held at McKinney on September 19.

THE SMITH COUNTY DENTAL ASSISTANTS ASSOCIATION was organized April 10, 1950. Mrs. Iris Hewett was acting chairman. Dr. Hagan and Hagan's office in Tyler, Texas was the place of organization. Their meetings will be held on the first Monday of each month. On June 5, 1950 the Installation of Officers was conducted in the office of Dr. Marshall Ray in Tyler, Texas. Sincere congratulations are extended to this new society.

Vada Childers, publicity chairman from Texas, reports that Texas dental assistants have been enjoying a restful summer. Fort Worth, Odessa, and South Plains societies have been vacationing from regular meetings during the summer months.

On September 11, Smith County met at the office of Drs. Clyde, Morris, and Pinkerton. The President appointed Mrs. Jippie Tolbert as delegate to the State Meeting. The Ways and Means Committee reported that Christmas Cards would be sold as means of making money for building up the treasury. Iris Hewett was appointed to attend the Dental Staff meeting to discuss the Study Course with the dentists. Jippie Tolber, Clara Fielder and Ruby Branson presented a program on X-rays.

The HOUSTON DISTRICT DENTAL ASSISTANTS ASSOCIATION met for their fall meeting in the Assembly Room of the Medical Arts Building, with the new president, Elizabeth Parker, presiding. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. Proposed changes in the By-Laws of the American Dental Assistants Association were voted on. Elizabeth Parker, who is to give a clinic at the National meeting in Atlantic City, gave her clinic before the local group.

THE SOUTH PLAINS DISTRICT held their first Capping Ceremony in the Hilton Hotel, September 12. Eight of the fourteen Assistants who have been certified received their certificates and caps in a ceremony preceding a dinner held for the members of the South Plains Association who had as their guests members of the South Plains Dental Society. Dr. David Haymes and Dr. J. M. Reynolds conducted the Capping Ceremony and presented Certificates to the following girls: Lorraine Dykes and Dorothy Moore of Lubbock, Addie Dodson and Jean Short of Tahoka, Zenita Melton and Vera Darby of Plainview, Virginia Martin of Brownfield, and Vada Childers of Post.

Others attending were Sue Gray, Georgia Faye Cockrell, Ruby Steed, Geery Ash, Pearl Scalise. Other Dentists attending were Dr. C. A. Rosebrough, Jr., and Dr. J. M. O'Rear of Lubbock, Dr. B. E. Young of Post, and Dr. K. R. Durham of Tahoka.

The regular meeting of the SAN ANTONIO DENTAL ASSISTANTS ASSOCIATION was held on Tuesday, June 20 in Mezzanine C of the Gunter Hotel, with Vice-President Jewell Jones presiding. There were three visitors present: Rosemary Tulle, assistant to Dr. C. B. Pinson; Genevieve Dieter, with Dr. H. Howard Hearn; and Nancy Sarvey, assistant to Dr. Dan M. Carnes.



DENTAL ASSISTANTS CAPPED at the annual meeting of the Iowa State Dental Assistants Association in May. Mary Haney, ADAA President, capped the assistants, assisted by Harriett Darling, Seventh District Trustee.
 Back row: Ruth Gilliam, Mildred Clemon, Frances Wagner, Joy Middlebrook, Evelyn Wilson, Oriett Clark, Vera Spies, Nelvina Scholten, Inesa Pfister.
 Front row: Fatti Barrett, Alice Hayward, Gayle Horton, Mary Haney, Genevieve Neal, Harriett Darling, Ann Stoltz, Averill Chumley, Hilda Bright.

There was discussion on the subject of the resumption of the 104-hour Certification Course. Information, data, and application blanks were distributed to each dentist in San Antonio to determine the number of dental assistants interested in taking the study course. It was announced that only a few of the applications had been returned. It is now to be decided by the President whether or not there will be a study course this year. There was a capping ceremony in July for the Dental Assistants who took and passed the last certification examination.

Ruth Hamilton Cobb, corresponding secretary, has announced there was no regular meetings for the months of July and August.

THE KANSAS CITY DENTAL ASSISTANTS SOCIETY will open their fall and winter meetings with a dinner and capping ceremony in honor of sixteen of their members who have recently been certified. The meetings will be held at the Hotel President on September 26. Dr. Melges Jones, President of the Kansas City Dental Society, will be the speaker of the evening. Dr. F. M. Calmes and Dr. Claud O'Dell, instructors for the 104-hour Study Course, will officiate at the Capping Ceremony. Delia Burriss, reporter, announced that this will be the second capping ceremony for the Kansas City Society and plans are being made to start another Study Course soon.

Opal Joerger, publicity chairman for the KANSAS STATE DENTAL ASSISTANTS ASSOCIATION, reports that study clubs in Kansas all vacationed during the summer—with just time out for picnics, outings, and watermelon feeds. But with the advent of September, they are once more getting down to more serious thinking.

The big project that all of Kansas has been working on is the Delegates' Fund. Each local club put forth extra efforts to supply the four delegates to the National Convention with transportation and lodging in Atlantic City. Last year the response was overwhelming and advance reports from the societies already indicate another generous contribution.

The Hutchinson, Kansas Society reports that they will cap six new certified dental assistants at a special ceremony in September, and they can well be proud of it, too. We imagine Nelle will be right there on the front row beaming all over the place.

Kansas City will start off the Fall activities with a "Boss Night." This is a wonderful idea and one that certainly should work for closer harmony. We are trusting that the Kansas City Dental Assistants make the most of it and really keep their Doctors posted on what they are doing as a Society.

Topeka and Wichita are doing a fine thing in inviting the Assistants from the surrounding towns to their meetings. In having girls from Newton, Kingman, and Winfield at their monthly meetings, they are taking a definite step forward toward a stronger organization.

The Wichita Study Club is getting ready to host the Seventh and Southern District Fall Meeting September 25-26. This is an annual affair and one that brings Doctors and Assistants from eight or nine towns in the immediate vicinity together for two days of educational and recreational activities.

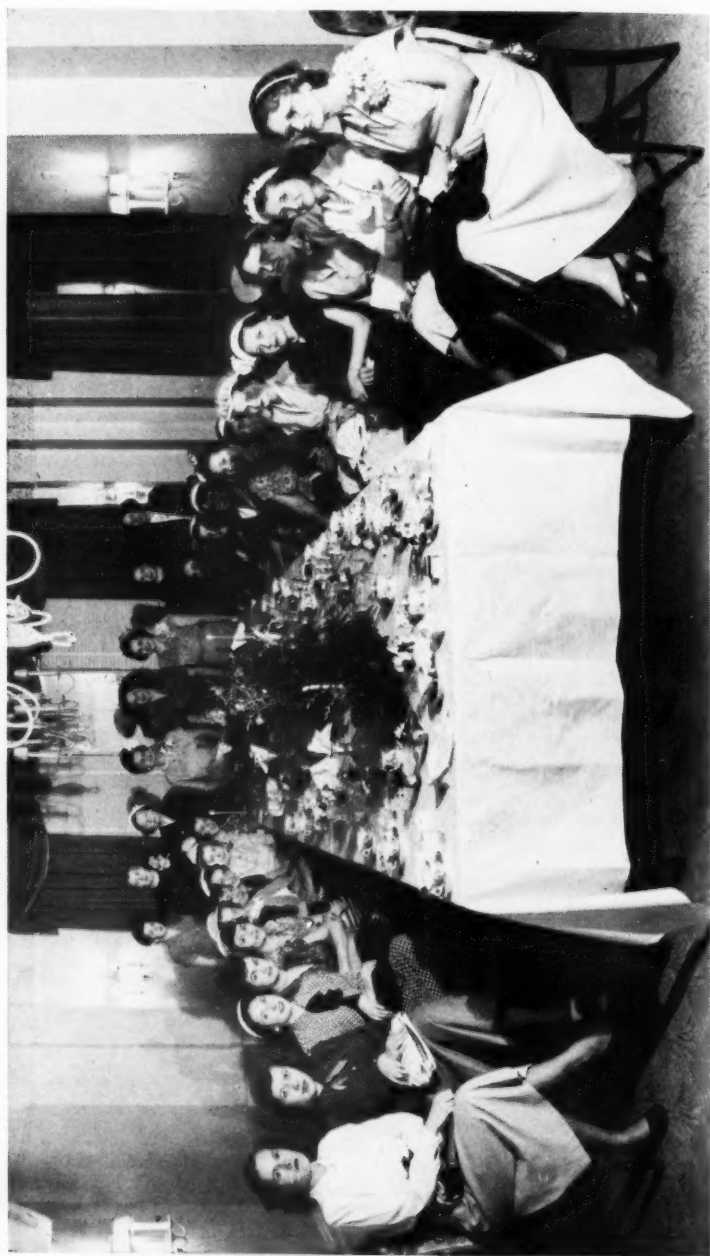
THE WICHITA KANSAS DENTAL Society met in the Hostess Room of Wolf's Cafeteria on Wednesday, September 20 for dinner. Alice Rogers baked two chocolate cakes which were raffled for the Society's funds. The guest speaker was Mrs. Margaret Goodwin, Director of the Wichita Dairy Council. Her subject was "The Role Food Plays in Good Dental Health."

LITTLE ROCK DENTAL ASSISTANTS STUDY CLUB met October 5th in the office of Drs. W. R. Alstadt and T. Smith with Mrs. Donna Beard and Miss Marie Courtney as hostess to the group. This was the second meeting of the "Fall Semester." At the first meeting, September 7th, the educational committee chairman called for suggestions for educational programs for meetings for the coming months. It was decided to take up one phase of dental assisting in the various branches of dentistry at each meeting. A member, employed by a specialist in each branch, will be the speaker. The membership feels that this will enable them to obtain a basic knowledge of the duties of the assistant in all branches of dentistry.

The October meeting was a wonderful start. Mrs. Beard showed models, presented technique for pouring models, care of materials used for appliances, etc., in Orthodontia. I am sure I can speak for the sixteen members present at this meeting in saying it was one of the best educational meetings we have attended. We are looking forward to more in the future.

THE EL DORADO STUDY CLUB will finish a study course in December. Seven assistants will complete the course, and make application for certification by examination. This examination will be held at the state meeting next April. Congratulations, El Dorado, upon this accomplishment a little more than a year after your organization.

Billie Holt, Reporter.



FORT WORTH, TEXAS DENTAL ASSISTANTS ASSOCIATION BANQUET

FROM COLORADO

We are pleased to be able to bring you the news of the completion of organization of Colorado State Dental Assistants Association. Joyce Huffman is the capable leader of this group in the role of President. Joyce reports much assistance from Sue Smith, President of Denver Dental Assistants Association, and Jean Jordan, a member of ADAA of long standing, in completing this organization. Colorado has three local societies now, and another in the process of organization. Congratulations, Joyce, and all Colorado members. We welcome you into the fold, and wish you much success.

NINTH DISTRICT—

THE SANTA CLARA CALIFORNIA DENTAL ASSISTANTS ASSOCIATION had their regular business meeting on May 18 at which time their new officers were elected. Installation was held at the September meeting. The speaker at the May meeting was Dr. R. T. Dunkin of San Jose who gave a clinic on the past and present methods of taking hydro-colloid impressions. A demonstration of the Thompson Technique was also included.

SAN FRANCISCO members entertained their Doctors on June 13 at a very successful meeting held in the Center Room of the Whitcomb Hotel. A Mexican theme was used. Dr. Sadie Fontain, speaker for the occasion, spoke on the use of dentistry in criminal detection. Dr. Fontain has been with the sheriff's office in Alameda County for thirty years.

BERKELEY also held their Doctors' Night on June 13. Blake's Restaurant in Berkeley was chosen as a new meeting place. Members and guests had a very enormous dinner of Smorgasbord and Shish Kebab. A most interesting demonstration of "The Fundamentals of the Golf Swing" was given by Mr. Pat Patten, President of the Northern California Golf Association. Jinx Wood presided over the meeting.

The guest speaker for Metropolitan OAKLAND was top credit man in the Bay Area, Mr. Frank Batty. He gave the girls some very helpful credit theories for the business and professional offices. At this June 13 meeting, caps were presented to fifteen girl students from the Laney Trade School in Oakland. On September 12, a meeting was held at Onstads in San Leandro. The speaker for the evening was Dr. Maynard Moody, Chiropodist. The nomination of new officers was held. Eula Stamer, Secretary, announced that dues were due and payable at this meeting—relinqunt October 31.

SACRAMENTO DISTRICT DENTAL ASSISTANTS ASSOCIATION held their annual meeting on July 26 at William Land Park. Mabel Sheldon was in charge of the affair.

Kathleen Darby, Historian, has reported the news from Northern California.

It's Over! This is the cry of the fifty-eight dental assistants from the SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA STATE DENTAL ASSISTANTS ASSOCIATION who came from all parts to take the Certification examination, June 24, at the University of California's extension classrooms. Los Angeles had twenty girls who took the examination. Fifth district was represented by fourteen girls; from Orange County came eleven; both Pasadena and Third District sent five girls to take the exam; and from San Diego there were three girls.

Jean Ellington, in behalf of the entire association, expresses sincere thanks to those certified girls who so willingly gave their time and their assistance on this day. A lovely ear-ring and pin set was presented to Lois Castle from the class for her untiring efforts in making the 104 hours so interesting as well as educational. A big undertaking well done, Lois.

THE FIFTH DISTRICT DENTAL ASSISTANTS ASSOCIATION will be privileged to hear Mr. James Robinson, Executive Secretary of the Southern California State Dental Association, lecture on "Office Management" on September 13. This is a session no one wants to miss.

THE LOS ANGELES DENTAL ASSISTANTS ASSOCIATION held its regular monthly meeting at the Clark Hotel on Thursday, September 14. The guest speaker was Dr. Bernard Z. Rabinowitch whose topic was "Havin' Fun With Kids." Barbara Palm is to be commended for her fine program arrangements. An appointed committee for revising the Constitution and By-Laws was hard at work this summer. Much credit is due these girls, as no one but the committee realizes how difficult the undertaking.

THIRD DISTRICT DENTAL ASSISTANTS were very excited about their meeting held at the Long Beach Credit Association. They were the guests of Mr. Karl Gibbs, Manager, and Miss Madeline Segriest, Assistant Manager. They had the pleasure of a tour through the building, and a buffet dinner and refreshments. The October meeting will be the annual Doctors' Night. All Third District members are requested to bring their doctors and friends. This year it will be held in the beautiful Marine Room of the Wilton Hotel in Long Beach, California.

THE WASHINGTON STATE DENTAL ASSISTANTS CONVENTION is over and the Seattle delegates have returned home a little weary but happy that they could be a part of such a



FIRST CAPPING CEREMONY OF SOUTH PLAINS DISTRICT, TEXAS, ASSOCIATION

Dr. David Hymes is presenting Laraine Dykes with her certificate as Dr. J. M. Reynolds places the cap on her head. Others in front row, left to right: Jenn Short, Addie Dodson, Virginia Martin, Dorothy Moore.

grand meeting. The SPOKANE DENTAL ASSISTANTS SOCIETY was the host and they with the Washington State Officers deserve a lot of credit and thanks for the smooth-running meetings and the interesting programs.

Among the many outstanding speakers they were privileged to hear were Ninth District's own Madge Tingley, Trustee; Dr. Harold Hillenbrand of Chicago, Chief Administrative Officer of the American Dental Association; Dr. M. R. Chipman, President of the Washington State Dental Association; and Dr. Wendal Wylie, Director of the Graduate School of Dentistry at the University of Washington.

The Seattle Society received a Membership award which was presented to President Ruth Chabot. The First and Second Clinic awards were presented to Vera Fuhrman and Mary Ann Carlson of Seattle. Joanne Hart of Spokane received the Third award. The Seattle Society is very grateful for these honors and just a "mite" proud.

On August 31 examination for certification was held at the University of Washington for the girls who have completed the 104-hour study course. Dr. Berton E. Anderson was in charge and arrangements were made by Mary Ann Carlson, Chairman of the Washington State Education Committee and Betty Brumnaugh, Chairman of the Examining Committee. The course was very educational and worthwhile but at the present time the girls are anxiously and nervously awaiting the outcome of the examination.

September 6 was the first meeting of the fall season and it was an evening of getting acquainted again. Reports of the delegates of the State meeting were heard and plans were made for the coming season. A four-hour "Moonlight Cruise" on Lake Washington was enjoyed on September 15—an evening of music, dancing, fun, and refreshments all arranged by Jeanne Ivey and her committee. The proceeds went toward sending the delegate to Atlantic City.

Wednesday, October 4 was a big meeting with Miss Madge Tingley, Ninth District Trustee, as special guest. The Washington girls are so grateful to Madge for her untiring efforts to help the society whenever help was needed. She has made trips up from Portland in all kinds of weather to help untangle some difficult situation. Madge Tingley was voted as an honorary member of the Seattle District Dental Assistants Society and this membership was presented to her at the October meeting by President Ruth Chabot. This meeting was full of plans for the National Convention for Seattle was privileged to have three delegates, Mary Ann Carlson, Leona Huntly, and your reporter, Vera Fuhrman.

The Ninth Annual Meeting of the WASHINGTON STATE DENTAL ASSISTANTS ASSOCIATION was held in Spokane, Washington, May 22-24. The Convention was a grand success and one of the highlights was at the First House of Delegates when a letter of encouragement and cooperation was presented from the Washington State Dental Association. What a wonderful way to start off a Convention! The delegates to the National Convention were also elected at this meeting: Edna Herigstad from Spokane; Ida Mantel from Tacoma; and Mary Ann Carlson, Leona Huntly and Vera Fuhrman from Seattle.

Washington State will be represented in the Juliette A. Southard relief fund for Tacoma girls are donating a penny for each year of their age, while the Seattle girls are busy collecting scrap amalgam and lead foil. All the other societies are doing what they can for such a worthy cause.

This interesting news from Washington was contributed by Vera Fuhrman.

HAWAII—

THE HONOLULU DENTAL ASSISTANTS SOCIETY is really an enthusiastic group. The July meeting was held at the home of the President, Healani Doane, where the Honolulu D. A.'s relaxed in luxurious fashion under a beautiful koa tree on the lanai (patio). The refreshments were rare Hawaiian delicacies prepared by the membra.

The meeting was blessed by good kahuna for they were honored by having Miss G. Archanna Morrison as an unexpected guest. Miss Morrison is an inspiration to the dental world. Through the intelligence and farsightedness of Dr. Henry L. Gibson, they were able to have her conduct, for the dental profession and auxiliary personnel, her outstanding course in Dental Office Administration and Patient Education. The importance of this course cannot be stressed enough.

Aloha Liki and Helen Kayeno were voted in as new members, and it was announced that Annie Kerr and Yen Kew Lum would be delegates to the convention, with Healani Doane and Edna Matsushito as alternates.

The Ways and Means Committee, always on the march for new and better ways to raise funds for the Association have devised the plan of selling Christmas cards, each member being responsible for five boxes.

The business dispensed with, they settled down for some fine professional entertainment by two talented assistants, Healani Doane and Annie Kerr.

Dorene Hayes, who reports for Honolulu, was formerly a Long Beach, California girl and she can't rave enough about the beauty of the islands or the friendliness of the people.



OFFICERS DAYTON, OHIO D. A. A. 1950-1951

Left to right: Eleanor Sterling, Corresponding Sec.; Mary L. Tolliger, Vice-Pres.; Ann Wetzel, Pres.; Mary Hermann, Recording Sec.; Dee Ewell, Treas.



Rachel Davis, President of Washington
State Dental Assistants Association.

TENTH DISTRICT—

OHIO STATE DENTAL ASSISTANTS ASSOCIATION will hold its eleventh annual meeting on November 26 through November 29 at the Sheraton-Gibson Hotel in Cincinnati, Ohio. It is Convention time once again in Ohio.

Examination for Certification will be given at 8:30 A. M. Sunday morning.

Kathleen Nezbeth, reporter.

THE SOUTH BEND DENTAL ASSISTANTS SOCIETY reports that sixteen dental assistants from South Bend, LaPorte, and Elkhart were capped Tuesday night, August 29, 1950, at exercises in the Bronzwood Room of the Hotel LaSalle. It was the first group to be so honored in this area. The honors were earned by the assistants who completed the 104 hours of prescribed study and satisfactorily passed examinations at the Indiana Dental University at Indianapolis, Indiana.

Dr. K. G. Cleveland of Elkhart presented the certificates to the following girls: Miss Janet Barrett, Miss Geraldine Catterlin, Miss Jessie Kinzie, Miss Rebecca McKinley, Mrs. Louis Macht, Mrs. Kay Mummy, Mrs. Andrew Robb, Jr., Miss Bernice Rummel, Mrs. Sally Samb, Miss Geraldine Stackowska, Mrs. Emmogene Stoops, Mrs. Richard Thorton, and Mrs. Geraldine Rossell—all of South Bend. The assistants to be certified from Elkhart were Miss Evelyn Heeter and Mrs. Bea Davis. Mrs. Kathryn Knisley was from LaPorte.

Mrs. Sadie Leach of LaPorte, past chairman of the Indiana State Certification Board, presented the caps and spoke on "No Fun Like Work." Mr. William Nickelson of Elkhart spoke on "Comparative Wars, Unity and Strength." Dr. Samuel Grillo of South Bend was the Toastmaster.

The Dental Assistants' Advisory Board for this year consists of Dr. Cleveland, Dr. H. T. Dailey, and Dr. E. A. Probst. The board, the dentists who taught courses, and those dentists whose assistants were capped were guests at the banquet. The assistants of South Bend have a profound feeling of gratitude to all the men and women who gave so whole-heartedly and generously of their time and efforts that the assistants might reap the benefits of this higher education in this field of work.

Virginia L. Macht, publicity chairman, sends a great big vote of thanks to all who helped.

All I can say in closing is "Let's all go to Hawaii." Well, I can dream, can't I? Any-way—Aloha, until next time. Thanks for your news.

THE DENTAL ASSISTANTS CARE OF THE HAND PIECE

By Olive Steinbeck

(Presented at West Virginia Dental Assistants State Meeting, May 15, 1950)

As Dental Assistants it is desirable that we learn about the equipment in our offices, how it functions, and how to care for it properly that the utmost in service may be obtained from it.

The Dental Engine and Handpiece are used more than any other equipment in the general practitioner's office (unless, of course we include the sterilizers). The Dental Engine is a precision instrument and it must be cared for diligently. Let us first discuss the oiling of the engine, which should be done every fourteen days. It is always wise to have the materials to be used at hand before starting. In this way you save yourself steps and conserve time. Your needs are simple: a bottle of cleaner (one preferably with an oil base), white petroleum jelly, carbon tetrachloride, bottle of clean oil, dropper and a soft cloth. The oil used should be one made especially for this purpose. Mineral oil should never be used as it has no true lubricating value.

We might say that the engine is divided into three parts; the handpiece, the engine ram and the actual engine. Outwardly the handpiece needs no oiling. We release the outer part, which is called the Sheath, and this exposes the Spindle; at the very top of the Spindle is a small opening and is marked oil. Two drops of oil here is sufficient. Have you ever looked at the handpiece and wondered how and why it performed its duty of holding the bur or angle when placed on the handpiece? It is all due to a very important part called the Clutch. If the Clutch is not properly oiled (and it receives its oil from the opening

at the top of the Spindle) it will become rusted from the saliva which seeps back through the handpiece from the mouth and will not function. This requires the services of someone who is experienced in this line and cannot be done by the Assistant. The Clutch works in this manner: As the lock screw on the handpiece is opened, the Clutch opens and releases the bur or angle; as the lock screw is closed on the handpiece the Clutch works in like manner, locking the bur or angle in place. You can readily see why, if the Clutch is rusted the handpiece would be worthless—so do keep it oiled properly and regularly. The Spindle must also be kept lubricated—for this we use the white petroleum jelly, lubricating the entire Spindle, but not heavily, replace the Sheath and the handpiece is finished.

Next look at the engine arm—at each joint you will find marked plainly the places to oil—one drop is sufficient. I would like to mention here, that oft times pieces of dust or lint may have closed these small openings—make certain they are open by taking an explorer point and cleaning out or use the air syringe on the unit which is close at hand. If you have not been giving the engine arm proper care these openings may be closed completely—using a round toothpick with some absorbent cotton wrapped around it, dip in the carbon tetrachloride and clean these openings thoroughly. Carbon tetrachloride is a detergent and will cut any dirt or dirty oil which may be causing the openings to be closed. The reason we oil here is to keep the pulleys working freely—if oil

does not reach them they will become tight and cause pull on the engine as it is run. So you can see the importance of keeping the openings cleaned thoroughly. Wipe the arm to remove any excess oil, with soft cloth. Now we are ready to look at the actual engine. Before we discuss oiling, we will remove the shield and look at the inside, which might be called the heart of the engine. Here you will find two parts, the Armature and the Engine Brushes which the Assistant should check monthly to make certain they are in good working condition. It is not often the Assistant would have occasion to care for either of these parts, but it is wise for her to know about them, how they function and how to care for them. The Armature is made up of sections of soft copper and mica. The Armature is that part of the engine which rotates. In checking it monthly you will sometimes find a deposit of carbon dust, (which is deposited from the brushes). This should be cleaned off and may be done by taking a cotton tipped applicator dipped in carbon tetrachloride (the excess being squeezed out) then running the engine with the cotton tip placed on the Armature as the engine revolves. It may be necessary to use more than one applicator with carbon tetrachloride but always use last applicator perfectly dry to remove any possible traces of moisture. The Armature plays a most important part in the functioning of your engine, so do give it proper attention.

When we speak of brushes, naturally we think of something with bristles. This is not true of the brushes in your dental engine. They are made of carbon—the small cut out portion (ask your dental dealer to show you a pair of engine brushes) fits around small screws by which they are fastened to the en-

gine. The brushes are the means by which electricity is conveyed to the Armature and without the brushes the engine would not run. The brushes must be placed properly and should have a regular monthly check for wear—if the brushes are not contacting the Armature properly, as the engine revolves the brushes would spark, which would make excessive wear on the Armature over a period of time; it would cause a heavier deposit of carbon dust and harder wear on the brushes, making it necessary for them to be replaced more often; then, too, if the brushes are not contacting the Armature evenly, the engine would not run smoothly, because of the uneven flow of electricity through the brushes. If there is any doubt in your mind, when checking the brushes, as to their condition, have your Doctor check them with you. Changing the engine brushes is a simple enough affair, but an exacting one and it must be done properly. I would suggest that you ask your Doctor, Dental Dealer or the service repair man who visits your office to show you how to change the brushes. You should know how this is done that you may assist or supervise the changing of them should the occasion arise.

In most of our offices today we have experienced men who check our equipment periodically, making any necessary repairs or adjustments. If this is true in your office it is not probable that you will have occasion to change the brushes. Especially is this true where you have more than one operating room—because the wear on the brushes in the different engines will be more evenly distributed. But, the Armature should be checked every month and cleaned in the manner mentioned previously, if needed.

We will replace the shield and give

attention to the oiling of the actual engine; always have engine arm in vertical position that shaft of engine is practically horizontal. Here again you will find places for oiling marked plainly. One drop of oil is sufficient—remember, it is better to use less oil, and oil regularly than to use an excessive amount at any one time. Now you have given the engine complete care—from handpiece to the actual engine. Run engine forward and in reverse—again use soft cloth to remove any excess oil. The daily care of the engine is simple—dusting the arm and the engine and keeping the pulleys free of dust and lint. Here is a tip to keep your engine belt clean—saturate a piece of cotton with alcohol and holding it in your hand against the belt, run the engine for a few seconds—this will remove any oil or dust lurking there.

The angles require regular care to keep them in proper working condition. Here the Assistant can really shine! The daily care is quite simple and requires little time. For this you will need: bottle of cleaner (one preferably with an oil base), bottle of oil, which I like to flavor with a few drops of oil of wintergreen—this is more refreshing for the patient, because you cannot erase the taste of oil. Place the angle on the handpiece and immerse in the cleaner, running the engine forward and in reverse to remove any oil drippings; using cloth, wipe clean—each angle in your office should have this daily care. This should be done the last thing in the evening before leaving, but if you are using a cleaner with an oil base, it is permissible to place angle in cleaner, leaving overnight and finishing in the morning before your Doctor arrives. This is frowned upon by some, but I have found by actual experience that it does not hurt them. In some offices hot oil ster-

ilizers are used for the angles. Where this is true, this daily care may be omitted. The weekly care of the angles is more time consuming and should be planned at a time when you have little interruption. Again you will need oil, white petroleum jelly, cotton swabs and perhaps the carbon tetrachloride. We must first break down or take apart the angle. There are various makes of angles but basically all are made up of the same parts. After you have angle apart, clean the angle thoroughly with the carbon tetrachloride. Clean parts thoroughly making certain that all traces of dirty oil is removed. After all parts are cleaned, then give attention to lubricating—this is most important—make certain that all parts are thoroughly lubricated, using the white petroleum jelly and oil—remember, do not use an excessive amount! Check all parts carefully when reassembling the angle—make certain that all parts are working freely—ill-working and chattering angles have no place in the Dental Office. Angles used for Prophylaxis should have immediate care following use, such as we do for the daily care and should never be allowed to be put away without this care. Remember—angles are precision instruments the same as the straight handpiece and must have regular care to keep them in proper working condition. Again for those of you who use hot oil sterilizers for angles, this weekly care is not entirely necessary—but—should be done at least once monthly!

If you will give the Dental Engine, Handpiece and Angles in your offices this routine care, you will be doing your part as an Assistant toward keeping them in perfect working condition. You will find that your Doctor will be most appreciative. You may feel that this will require too much time—that you wouldn't have

time to fit this into an already busy schedule—actually it requires very little time—daily care of the angles approximately fifteen minutes; weekly care of the angles, one hour or less (this depends on the number of angles you have to clean in your office); thirty minutes for the monthly check of the engine and twenty-five minutes for the oiling of the engine every fourteen days. Surely you can work this into your schedule if it means smoother running dental engine, handpiece and angles. Many Assistants, already have assumed the care of this specific equipment and have found results most gratifying.

I would suggest that you study this equipment and with the help of your Doctor, learn to really make the most of your knowledge in your offices. I sincerely feel that anything pertaining to our work and the equipment with which we work is certainly the Assistant's duty.

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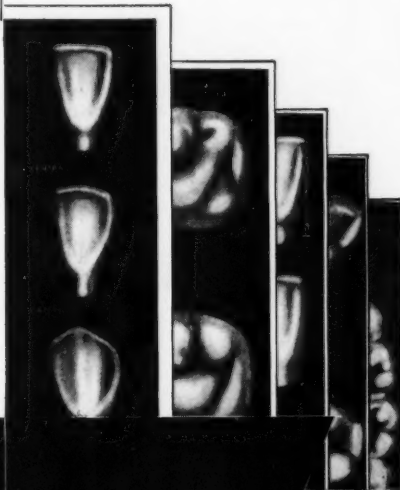
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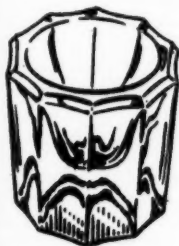
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- TO BE enthusiastic, for therein lies the easiest way to accomplishment.
- TO BE generous, not alone of my means but of my praise and my time.
- TO BE tolerant with my associates for at times I, too, make mistakes.
- TO BE friendly, realizing that friendship bestows and receives happiness.
- TO BE respectful of the other person's viewpoint and condition.
- TO BE systematic, believing that systems makes for efficiency.
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- TO SAFEGUARD my health, for good health is necessary for the achievement of a successful career.
- TO BE tactful, always doing the right thing at the right time.
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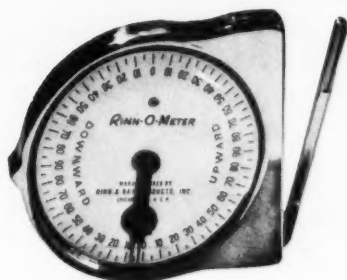
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